The PRESENTMENT *of the* GRAND-JURY

for the City of London, *at the Seſſions of* Oyer *and* Terminer *and Gaol-Delivery of* Newgate, *Held for the City of* London *and County of* Middleſex, *at* Juſtice-Hall *in the* Old-Baily, *on* Wedneſday *the 29th Day of* Auguſt, *An. Dom.* 1705. *and in the Fourth Year of Her Majeſty's Reign.*

WE can never enough admire the infinite Goodneſs of Almighty GOD, in the Delivering, and hitherto wonderfully Preſerving this Nation, from the horrid Superſtition and Tyranny of the See of *Rome:* And notwithſtanding the open Force and ſecret Machinations of their Emiſſaries, Agents and Adherents, hath bleſt us with a Proteſtant Sovereign, a Religious, Wiſe and Virtuous QUEEN; Zealous to preſerve and ſupport our Religion, Church and State, as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, in Piety, Power, Proſperity and Peace.

WE cannot therefore, without high Ingratitude to Heaven and to Her, but with great Concern take notice of the many Popiſh, Factious and Seditious Books, Pamphlets, Papers, and Treaſonable Libels, frequently Printed, Publiſh'd and Diſpers'd abroad under various Titles, Denominations, Innuendo's, cunning Cyphers and Diſguiſes (yet ſo as to be underſtood) boldly reflecting upon Her Majeſty, our Eſtabliſh'd Church and Civil Conſtitution.

AND we cannot but obſerve, that when and at ſuch times as Her Majeſties Affairs are moſt proſperous and ſucceſsful, that then and chiefly then, the Enemies of Her Majeſty, and of the Peace and Welfare of theſe Kingdoms, do the more induſtriouſly contrive and diſperſe ſuch Factious and Seditious Libels, Books and Papers, to traduce our Miniſtry and diſtract our Councils.

WE therefore, the GRAND-JURY for the City of *London*, out of a due Senſe of our Duty to Almighty GOD, Her Sacred Majeſty, our Religion, Church and Nation, do PRESENT all ſuch Traiterous, Falſe, Malicious, Factious and Pernicious Libels, Books and Papers, contriv'd and deſign'd to break our Unity, and to weaken our Power to defend Her Majeſty and our ſelves, and to oppoſe our Enemies; thereby to make the way the eaſier for a Popiſh Pretender to poſſeſs the Throne: And as ſuch in particular, WE, with the utmoſt Indignation and Reſentment, do Preſent one Book lately printed by a Notorious Criminal (Convicted in this Court, for Printing and Publiſhing a Seditious and Treaſonable Libel, for which he was Fin'd and Pillory'd, and is now fled from Juſtice) Intituled, *The Memorial of the Church of* England, *Humbly Offer'd to the Conſideration of all true Lovers of our Church and Conſtitution*; to be a Falſe, Scandalous and Traiterous Libel, ſecretly but induſtriouſly ſpread abroad to advance and accompliſh thoſe Traiterous and Wicked Deſigns, highly Impeaching the Truth and Sincerity of Her Majeſty's Royal Reſolutions, and Pious Aſſurances upon all Occaſions, and ſo often from the Throne ſolemnly declared to ſupport, maintain, and preſerve our Government, both in Church and State, as by Law Eſtabliſh'd; the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament, and the Liberties and Properties of all Her People; and alſo craftily deſigned to reproach and ſcandalize Her Wiſe and Faithful Miniſtry, divide Her Councils, create Variances, Diſputes and Diſcords in Her Parliament, irritating and exaſperating the Members of the Church, and other Sober and Loyal Proteſtants, and to raiſe and foment Animoſities, Fears and Jealouſies amongſt all Her People; and the better to colour ſuch pernicious Purpoſes, laying a Falſe and Scandalous Imputation upon the Church of *England*, as if they were the Authors, Contrivers and Promoters of that Falſe, Impious, Seditious and Traiterous Libel; ſo directly repugnant to the avowed Principles, Pious, Charitable and Chriſtian Doctrine of the Church, and directly contrary to the Duty and ſworn Allegiance of all the ſincere and true Members of it.

IT is therefore our earneſt Deſire and humble Requeſt, That all diligent and due Endeavours may be us'd to find out and diſcover the true and real Authors and Contrivers of that pernicious Book; to the intent, they (when known) and the ſaid Printers and Publiſhers (when taken) may be brought to Juſtice, and Condign Puniſhment.

London *ſſ.* *Ad Seſſion' de Oyer & Terminer & Del' Goal de* Newgate, *Dnæ Reginæ, tent' pro Civitat'* London *apud* Juſtice-Hall *in* le Old-Baily London, *Die Mercurii ſcil' vicesimo nono Die* Auguſti, *Anno Regni Dnæ noſtræ* ANNÆ *nunc Reginæ* Angl' *&c.* Quarto.

IT is Order'd by this Court, That Thanks be given to the GRAND-JURY for their Duty and Loyalty to the Queen's Majeſty; their tender Care and good Affection to the Church of *England*, and their hearty concern for the Peace and Tranquility of this Nation, ſo ſenſibly Expreſt in their PRESENTMENT delivered to this Court againſt a notorious Libel, Intituled, *The Memorial of the Church of* England, *Humbly offered to the Conſideration of all true Lovers of our Church and Conſtitution*; reflecting upon Her Majeſty and Her good Government, both in Church and State; And it is further ordered, That the ſaid Libel be forthwith Burnt in the ſight of this Court now ſitting; And alſo on *Tueſday* next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, before the Royal Exchange; And that the Sheriffs of this City do ſee this Order Executed accordingly.

ASHHURST.

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